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Application Deadline	Applications are due by May 1, 2006.
Intergovernmental Review	Letters from State Single Point of Contact (SPOC) are due no
(E.O. 12372)	later than 60 days after application deadline.
Public Health System Impact	Applicants must send the PHSIS to appropriate State and local
Statement (PHSIS)/Single	health agencies by application deadline. Comments from Single
State Agency Coordination	State Agency are due no later than 60 days after application
	deadline.

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I. FUNDING OPPORTUNITY DESCRIPTION

1. INTRODUCTION

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS) announces the availability of FY 2006 funds for grants to enhance and expand the provision of effective, culturally competent HIV/AIDS-related mental health services in minority communities for persons living with HIV/AIDS and having a mental health need. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports that of the 400,000 persons living with AIDS, 250,000 cases are among people of color (CDC, 2003). As the incidence of HIV/AIDS increases among people of color, the need for mental health treatment goes up as well. Psychiatric/psychological/psychosocial/neuropsychiatric complications frequently are not diagnosed or addressed either at the time of diagnosis or through the course of the HIV/AIDS disease process. When untreated, these complications are associated with increased morbidity and mortality, impaired quality of life, and numerous medical and/or behavioral challenges, such as non-adherence with the treatment regimen.

To date, HIV/AIDS services have not always addressed HIV/AIDS related mental health treatment needs. Mental health services often are not accessible to persons living with HIV/AIDS. When it is available, mental health care may not be coordinated and integrated into an array of comprehensive services. The projects to be supported in this program are to have experience providing culturally competent mental health services in their respective communities, and will develop and implement HIV-related mental health treatment services that meet the needs of people living with HIV/AIDS in that community. All applicants **must** target one or more of the following populations: African Americans, Latinos(as), Native Americans (non-reservation), Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders and/or other racial/ethnic minority communities. SAMHSA intends that its Services Grants result in the delivery of services as soon as possible and <u>no later than 4 months</u> after award.

HIV/AIDS related mental health services grants are authorized under Section 520(A) of the Public Health Service Act, as amended. This announcement addresses Healthy People 2010 focus area 18 (Mental Health).

2. EXPECTATIONS

The primary focus of the program is to provide specific HIV-related mental health treatment to individuals who are HIV positive (many of whom have a DSM diagnosis). Each project will also need to incorporate the provision of services to promote mental health and prevent mental and behavioral disorders to these individuals and to others linked to the client. This means the target population will include:

- a. Persons who are HIV positive and have a DSM diagnosis (i.e., client);
- b. Persons who are HIV positive and have mental health problems that do not reach the criteria for a DSM diagnosis (i.e., client); and

c. Parents, partners, dependents, and others linked to the client's Individual Treatment Plan (ITP), i.e., the client (see "a" and "b" above) must be actively receiving services from the project.

Of special interest is the need to provide HIV-related mental health treatment in both traditional and non-traditional settings. ("Traditional@ usually refers to medical, mainstream mental health treatment settings, including outpatient clinics, community mental health centers, in-patient hospitals, emergency rooms, residential treatment programs, and physician offices; Anontraditional@ usually refers to the provision of services at home and/or in culturally defined settings where mental health care is provided and emotional support given, e.g., at informal social gathering places such as hair salons, clubs, sports arenas, places of worship, schools, playgrounds, local markets and other places where community members exchange information and experiences about Awhat works@ and Ahow to get help.@)

2.1 Documenting the Evidence Base for Services to be Implemented

Applicants must justify use of the proposed services/practices for the target population along with any adaptations or modifications necessary to meet the unique needs of the target population or otherwise increase the likelihood of achieving positive outcomes.

Applicants must provide a narrative justification that summarizes the evidence for effectiveness and acceptability of the proposed service/practice. The preferred evidence of effectiveness and acceptability will include the findings from clinical trials, efficacy and/or effectiveness studies published in the peer-reviewed literature.

In areas such as mental health services for AIDS/HIV in minority populations where little or no research has been published in the peer-reviewed scientific literature, the applicant may present evidence involving studies that have not been published in the peer-reviewed research literature and/or documents describing formal consensus among recognized experts. If consensus documents are presented, they must describe consensus among multiple experts whose work is recognized and respected by others in the field. Local recognition of an individual as a respected or influential person at the community level is not considered a "recognized expert" for this purpose.

Justifying Selection of the Service/Practice for the Target Population

All applicants must show that the proposed service/practice is appropriate for the proposed target population. Ideally, this evidence will include research findings on effectiveness and acceptability specific to the proposed target population. However, if such evidence is not available, the applicant should provide a justification for using the proposed service/practice with the target population. This justification might involve, for example, a description of adaptations to the proposed service/practice based on other research involving the target population.

Justifying Adaptations/Modifications of the Proposed Service/Practice

SAMHSA has found that a high degree of faithfulness or "fidelity" (see Glossary) to the original model for an evidence-based service/practice increases the likelihood that positive outcomes will be achieved when the model is used by others. Therefore, SAMHSA encourages fidelity to the original evidence-based service/practice or to be implemented. However, SAMHSA recognizes that adaptations or modifications to the original model may be necessary for a variety of reasons:

- To allow implementers to use resources efficiently
- To adjust for specific needs of the client population
- To address unique characteristics of the local community where the service/practice will be implemented

All applicants must describe and justify any adaptations or modifications to the proposed service/practice that will be made.

2.2 Services Delivery

SAMHSA's HIV Services Grant funds must be used to support the following direct services:

- Provide clinical screening, i.e., an initial mental health assessment, for people living with HIV/AIDS to determine psychosocial and/or clinical mental health needs.
- Provide culturally competent, language appropriate, HIV/AIDS-related mental health services, using mental health service strategies.
- Provide case management services to coordinate the provision of comprehensive HIV/AIDS-related care (applicants <u>must</u> devote a minimum of 1 FTE for this requirement).
- Provide psychiatry services, i.e., services provided by a psychiatrist and/or psychiatric nurse practitioner (applicants <u>must</u> devote a minimum of .2 FTE to this requirement). Appropriate psychiatric services may include but are not limited to: conducting initial psychiatric evaluations and/or confirming a diagnosis; providing psychotherapy; providing supervision, consultation, and training related to diagnosis, psychopharmacology, understanding medical issues impacting psychiatric disorders and the neurological aspects of HIV; providing psychopharmacological assessment and psychopharmacology management; conducting somatic assessments (to rule out non-HIV non-mental illness reasons for symptoms); and participating in interdisciplinary team activities.
- Institute/maintain a Consumer Advisory Board (CAB) which is representative of the target population. Members should include HIV-positive persons who also have a mental illness or an HIV/AIDS related mental illness; members may include individuals non-infected with HIV, but affected by HIV/AIDS. If possible, membership should include individuals with both addictive and mental disorders who have HIV/AIDS.
- Develop and/or maintain collaborations/linkages with substance abuse treatment and HIV supportive service organizations/providers; primary and specialty medical care providers; psychosocial support services and other community organizations which provide services to the target population relevant for the provision of comprehensive HIV-related care.

 Develop and/or maintain collaboration/linkages with local health departments and/or community-based providers of Rapid Testing.

The following activities are **optional**, but the applicant is strongly encouraged to make the services available through its organization or by another provider in the collaboration:

- HIV rapid testing, although grant funds may not be used to purchase the test kits.
- Provide evidence of connection with sites/services that can provide rapid testing if needed.

2.3 Infrastructure Development (maximum 15% of total grant award)

Although SAMHSA expects that its Services Grant funds will be used primarily for direct services, SAMHSA recognizes that infrastructure changes may be needed to support service delivery expansion in some instances. You may use up to 15% of the total Services Grant award for the following types of infrastructure development, if necessary to support the direct service expansion of the grant project.

- Building partnerships to ensure the success of the project and entering into service delivery and other agreements.
- Developing or changing the infrastructure to expand treatment or prevention services.
- Training to assist treatment or prevention providers and community support systems to identify and address mental health or substance abuse issues.

2.4 Data and Performance Measurement

Grantees are required to report on SAMHSA's National Outcome Measures (NOMs) for mental health. These are a set of common outcome measures to be implemented across SAMHSA programs. They address domains such as number of persons served by age, gender, race, and ethnicity; decreased mental illness symptomology; employment/education; criminal justice involvement; housing stability; access/capacity, reduced utilization of psychiatric inpatient beds; social connectedness; and perception of care. Additional systems measures to be reported include cost-effectiveness and use of evidence-based practices.

The NOMs are currently under development at SAMHSA, and are expected to be implemented fully by the end of FY 2007 (September 2007). All grantees must report on the NOMs, including the cost-effectiveness and evidence-based practices measures. Additional information including common data definitions, will be provided to grantees as the NOMs, are developed.

The terms and conditions of the grant award also will specify the data to be submitted to SAMHSA and the schedule for submission. Grantees will be required to adhere to these terms and conditions of award.

In addition to collecting the required NOMs data, grantees will be required to provide data on the percent of clients who have Individual Treatment Plans (ITP) within 4 weeks of being designated a client.

2.5 Evaluation

Grantees must evaluate their projects, and are required to describe the evaluation plans in the application. The evaluation should be designed to provide regular feedback to the project to improve services. The evaluation must include both process and outcome components. Process and outcome evaluations must measure change relating to project goals and objectives over time compared to baseline information. Control or comparison groups are not required. You must consider your evaluation plan when preparing the project budget.

Process components should address issues such as:

- How closely did implementation match the plan?
- What types of deviation from the plan occurred?
- What led to the deviations?
- What effect did the deviations have on the planned intervention and evaluation?
- Who provided (program, staff) what services (modality, type, intensity, duration), to whom (individual characteristics), in what context (system, community), and at what cost (facilities, personnel, dollars)?

Outcome components should address issues such as:

- What was the effect of intervention on participants?
- What program/contextual factors were associated with outcomes?
- What individual factors were associated with outcomes?
- How durable were the effects?

No more than 20% of the total grant award may be used for evaluation and data collection, including GPRA and incentives for completing the evaluation.

2.6 Grantee Meetings

You must plan to send a minimum of six people (including the Project Director) to participate in two technical assistance/training or joint grantee meetings in each year of the grant, and you must include funding for this travel in your budget. At these meetings, grantees may be requested to present the results of their projects and/or participate in state-of-the-science culturally appropriate HIV-related clinical training or other forms of technical assistance. Each meeting will be 3 days. These meetings will usually be held in the Washington, D.C., area and attendance is mandatory (grantees will be informed in advance who the attendees will need to be).

II. AWARD INFORMATION

1. AWARD AMOUNT

It is expected that up to \$8,400,000 will be available to fund approximately 16 awards in FY 2006. Annual awards are expected to be approximately \$525,000 per year in total costs (direct and indirect) for up to 5 years.

Proposed budgets cannot exceed \$525,000 in any year of the proposed project. Annual continuation awards will depend on the availability of funds, grantee progress in meeting project goals and objectives, and timely submission of required data and reports.

2. FUNDING MECHANISM

Awards will be made as cooperative agreement grants. These awards are being made as cooperative agreements because they are complex and require substantial post-award Federal programmatic participation in the conduct of the project.

Role of Grantee:

- Comply with all aspects of the terms and conditions for the cooperative agreement and cooperate with guidance provided by, and requests from, CMHS staff.
- Provide SAMHSA with data required to comply with the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA). The grantee must participate in a conference call with SAMHSA Project Officers within two months after the award of the cooperative agreement to begin discussing the grantee's evaluation strategy and how it will meet SAMHSA GPRA requirements.
- Keep policies consistent with SAMHSA policies on data sharing, access to data and materials, and publications.
- Attend meetings with SAMHSA as typically required of cooperative agreement grantees. These may be conducted in person, electronically, or by conference call.
- Collaborate in planning and participate in any joint learning workshops with the other grantees in this cooperative agreement and other appropriate SAMHSA-funded activities.

Role of SAMHSA Staff:

- Provide guidance and technical assistance across all the project's components, and conduct site visits as needed.
- Approve project implementation plans.
- Monitor and review progress of the project and make recommendations regarding moving through successive stages including its potential continuance.
- Participate in any necessary development and refinement of the policies, evaluation designs, measures, and databases in regard to the provision of HIV-related mental health services.
- Facilitate the coordination of this program with other SAMHSA policies and activities, as appropriate.

- Review and approve products and or presentations prior to publication and dissemination.
- Review and recommend approval of the clinical expertise of the project Clinical Director.
- Assess the need for additional HIV-related clinical training at the project sites and make recommendations regarding appropriate training.
- Facilitate the promotion of an exchange of relevant information among the project sites.

III. ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

1. ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Eligible applicants are domestic public and private nonprofit entities. For example federally recognized tribes; State recognized tribes, urban Indian organizations (as defined in P.L. 94-437, as amended); public or private universities and colleges; community- and faith-based organizations; and tribal organizations may apply. Because only direct mental health service providers may apply, States and local governments are not eligible. The statutory authority for this program prohibits grants to for-profit organizations.

2. COST SHARING

Cost sharing is not required in this program, and applications will not be screened out on the basis of cost sharing.

3. OTHER

3.1 Additional Eligibility Requirements

Applications must comply with the following requirements, or they will be screened out and will not be reviewed: use of the PHS 5161-1 application; application submission requirements in Section IV-3 of this document; and formatting requirements provided in Section IV-2.3 of this document.

3.2 Evidence of Experience and Credentials

SAMHSA believes that only existing, experienced, and appropriately credentialed organizations with demonstrated infrastructure and expertise will be able to provide required services quickly and effectively. Therefore, in addition to the basic eligibility requirements specified in this announcement, applicants must meet two additional requirements related to the provision of treatment or prevention services.

The two requirements are:

- The applicant organization must be a provider of direct mental health services with at least 2 years experience providing these services, as of the due date of the application.
- More than one service provider organization may be included in the application and may provide relevant services other than mental health client services. Each direct service

provider organization must have at least 2 years experience providing these services to the target population in the geographic area(s) covered by the application, as of the due date of the application.

In **Appendix 1** of the application, you must: (1) include a list of all direct service provider organizations that have agreed to participate in the proposed project, including the applicant agency; and (2) include the Statement of Assurance (provided in Appendix C of this announcement), signed by the authorized representative of the applicant organization identified on the face-page of the application, that all participating service provider organizations:

- meet the 2-year experience requirement
- meet applicable licensing, accreditation, and certification requirements, and,
- if the application is within the funding range, will provide the Government Project Officer (GPO) with the required documentation within the time specified.

In addition, if, following application review, an application's score is within the fundable range for a grant award, the GPO will call the applicant and request that the following documentation be sent by overnight mail:

- a letter of commitment that specifies the nature of the participation and what service(s) will be provided from every service provider organization that has agreed to participate in the project;
- official documentation that all participating organizations have been providing relevant services for a minimum of 2 years before the date of the application in the area(s) in which the services are to be provided; and
- official documentation that all participating service provider organizations comply with all applicable local (city, county) and State/tribal requirements for licensing, accreditation, and certification as appropriate for the services they provide.

If the GPO does not receive this documentation within the time specified, the application will be removed from consideration for an award and the funds will be provided to another applicant meeting these requirements.

IV. APPLICATION AND SUBMISSION INFORMATION

To ensure that you have met all submission requirements, a checklist is provided for your use in Appendix A of this document.

1. ADDRESS TO REQUEST APPLICATION PACKAGE

You may request a complete application kit from the National Mental Health Information Center at 1-800-789-CMHS (2647).

You also may download the required documents from the SAMHSA web site at www.samhsa.gov/grants/index.aspx

Additional materials available on this web site include:

- a technical assistance manual for potential applicants;
- standard terms and conditions for SAMHSA grants;
- guidelines and policies that relate to SAMHSA grants (e.g., guidelines on cultural competence, consumer and family participation, and evaluation); and
- enhanced instructions for completing the PHS 5161-1 application.

2. CONTENT AND FORM OF APPLICATION SUBMISSION

2.1 Application Kit

SAMHSA application kits include the following documents:

- PHS 5161-1 (revised July 2000) Includes the face page, budget forms, assurances, certification, and checklist. You must use the PHS 5161-1. Applications that are not submitted on the required application form will be screened out and will not be reviewed.
- Request for Applications (RFA) Provides specific information about the availability of funds along with instructions for completing the grant application. This document is the RFA. The RFA will be available on the SAMHSA web site (www.samhsa.gov/grants/index.aspx) and a synopsis of the RFA is available on the Federal grants web site (www.Grants.gov).

You must use all of the above documents in completing your application.

2.2 Required Application Components

To ensure equitable treatment of all applications, applications must be complete. In order for your application to be complete, it must include the required ten application components (Face Page, Abstract, Table of Contents, Budget Form, Project Narrative and Supporting Documentation, Appendices, Assurances, Certifications, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities, and Checklist).

□ **Face Page** – Use Standard Form (SF) 424, which is part of the PHS 5161-1. [Note: Applicants must provide a Dun and Bradstreet (DUNS) number to apply for a grant or cooperative agreement from the Federal Government. SAMHSA applicants are required to provide their DUNS number on the face page of the application. Obtaining a DUNS number is easy and there is no charge. To obtain a DUNS number, access the Dun and Bradstreet web site at www.dunandbradstreet.com or call 1-866-705-5711. To expedite the process, let Dun and Bradstreet know that you are a public/private nonprofit organization getting ready to submit a Federal grant application.]

- □ **Abstract** Your total abstract should not be longer than 35 lines. In the first five lines or less of your abstract, write a summary of your project that can be used, if your project is funded, in publications, reporting to Congress, or press releases.
- □ **Table of Contents** Include page numbers for each of the major sections of your application and for each appendix.
- □ **Budget Form** Use SF 424A, which is part of the PHS 5161-1. Fill out Sections B, C, and E of the SF 424A. A sample budget and justification is included in Appendix G of this document.
- □ Project Narrative and Supporting Documentation The Project Narrative describes your project. It consists of Sections A through E. Sections A-E together may not be longer than 30 pages. (For example, remember that if your Project Narrative starts on page 5 and ends on page 35, it is 31 pages long, not 30 pages.) More detailed instructions for completing each section of the Project Narrative are provided in "Section V Application Review Information" of this document.

The Supporting Documentation provides additional information necessary for the review of your application. This supporting documentation should be provided immediately following your Project Narrative in Sections F through I. There are no page limits for these sections, except for Section H, Biographical Sketches/Job Descriptions. Additional instructions for completing these sections are included in Section V under "Supporting Documentation."

- □ Appendices 1 through 4 Use only the appendices listed below. If your application includes any appendices not required in this document, they will be disregarded. Do not use more than 30 pages for Appendices 1, 3 and 4 combined. There are no page limitations for Appendix 2. Do not use appendices to extend or replace any of the sections of the Project Narrative. Reviewers will not consider them if you do.
 - Appendix 1: (1) a list of all direct service provider organizations that have agreed to participate in the proposed project, including the applicant agency; (2) the Statement of Assurance (provided in Appendix E of this announcement) signed by the authorized representative of the applicant organization identified on the face page of the application, that assures SAMHSA that all listed providers meet the 2-year experience requirement, are appropriately licensed, accredited, and certified, and that if the application is within the funding range for an award, the applicant will send the GPO the required documentation within the specified time; and (3) letters of commitment/support.
 - *Appendix* 2: Data Collection Instruments/Interview Protocols
 - *Appendix* 3: Sample Consent Forms if relevant
 - Appendix 4: Letter to the SSA (if applicable; see Section IV-4 of this document)
- □ **Assurances** Non-Construction Programs. Use Standard Form 424B found in PHS 5161-1. You are also required to complete the Assurance of Compliance with SAMHSA

Charitable Choice Statutes and Regulations Form SMA 170. This form will be posted on SAMHSA's web site with the RFA and provided in the application kits available at SAMHSA's clearinghouse (NCADI) at 1-800-729-6686.

- □ **Certifications** Use the "Certifications" forms found in PHS 5161-1.
- □ **Disclosure of Lobbying Activities** Use Standard Form LLL found in the PHS 5161-1. Federal law prohibits the use of appropriated funds for publicity or propaganda purposes, or for the preparation, distribution, or use of the information designed to support or defeat legislation pending before the Congress or State legislatures. This includes "grass roots" lobbying, which consists of appeals to members of the public suggesting that they contact their elected representatives to indicate their support for or opposition to pending legislation or to urge those representatives to vote in a particular way.
- □ Checklist Use the Checklist found in PHS 5161-1. The Checklist ensures that you have obtained the proper signatures, assurances and certifications and is the last page of your application.

2.3 Application Formatting Requirements

Narrative.

Applicants also must comply with the following basic application requirements. Applications that do not comply with these requirements will be screened out and will not be reviewed.

be	reviewed.
	Information provided must be sufficient for review.
	Text must be legible. For Project Narratives submitted electronically in Microsoft Word, see separate requirements below under "Guidance for Electronic Submission of Applications."
	 Type size in the Project Narrative cannot exceed an average of 15 characters per inch, as measured on the physical page. (Type size in charts, tables, graphs, and footnotes will not be considered in determining compliance.)
	• Text in the Project Narrative cannot exceed 6 lines per vertical inch.
	Paper must be white paper and 8.5 inches by 11.0 inches in size.
	To ensure equity among applications, the amount of space allowed for the Project Narrative cannot be exceeded. For Project Narratives submitted electronically in Microsoft Word, see separate requirements below under "Guidance for Electronic Submission of Applications." • Applications would meet this requirement by using all margins (left, right, top, bottom) of at least one inch each, and adhering to the 30-page limit for the Project

Should an application not conform to these margin or page limits, SAMHSA will use

the following method to determine compliance: The total area of the Project Narrative (excluding margins, but including charts, tables, graphs and footnotes)

- cannot exceed 58.5 square inches multiplied by 30. This number represents the full page less margins, multiplied by the total number of allowed pages.
- Space will be measured on the physical page. Space left blank within the Project Narrative (excluding margins) is considered part of the Project Narrative, in determining compliance.

To facilitate review of your application, follow these additional guidelines. Failure to adhere to the following guidelines will not, in itself, result in your application being screened out and returned without review. However, following these guidelines will help reviewers to consider your application.

Pages should be typed single-spaced in black ink, with one column per page. Pages should not have printing on both sides.
Please number pages consecutively from beginning to end so that information can be located easily during review of the application. The cover page should be page 1, the abstract page should be page 2, and the table of contents page should be page 3. Appendices should be labeled and separated from the Project Narrative and budget section, and the pages should be numbered to continue the sequence.
The page limit of a total of 30 pages for Appendices 1, 3 and 4 combined should not be exceeded.
Send the original application and two copies to the mailing address in Section IV-6.1 of this document. Please do not use staples, paper clips, and fasteners. Nothing should be attached, stapled, folded, or pasted. Do not use heavy or lightweight paper or any material that cannot be copied using automatic copying machines. Odd-sized and oversized attachments such as posters will not be copied or sent to reviewers. Do not include videotapes, audiotapes, or CD-ROMs

Guidance for Electronic Submission of Applications

SAMHSA offers the opportunity for you to submit your application to us either in electronic or paper format. Register one time, and Grants.gov will generate your information for future applications so you don't have to re-enter it. Built-in error-checking increases the completeness and accuracy of your application. Electronic submission is voluntary. No review points will be added or deducted, regardless of whether you use the electronic or paper format.

To submit an application electronically, you must use the www.Grants.gov apply site. You will be able to download a copy of the application package from www.Grants.gov, complete it offline, and then upload and submit the application via the Grants.gov site. E-mail submissions will not be accepted.

You may search the Grants.gov site for the downloadable application package, by the funding announcement number (called the opportunity number) or by the Catalogue of Federal Domestic

Assistance (CFDA) number. You can find the CFDA number on the first page of the funding announcement.

You must follow the instructions in the User Guide available at the www.Grants.gov apply site, on the Customer Support tab. In addition to the User Guide, you may wish to use the following sources for help:

- By e-mail: support@Grants.gov
- By phone: 1-800-518-4726 (1-800-518-GRANTS). The Customer Support Center is open from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday.

If this is the first time you have submitted an application through Grants.gov, you must complete four separate registration processes before you can submit your application. Allow at least two weeks (10 business days) for these registration processes, prior to submitting your application. The processes are: DUNS Number registration, Central Contractor Registry (CCR) registration, Credential Provider registration, and Grants.gov registration.

It is strongly recommended that you submit your grant application using Microsoft Office products (e.g., Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, etc.). If you do not have access to Microsoft Office products, you may submit a PDF file. Directions for creating PDF files can be found on the Grants.gov Web site. Use of file formats other than Microsoft Office or PDF may result in your file being unreadable by our staff.

The Project Narrative must be a separate document in the electronic submission. Formatting requirements for SAMHSA grant applications are described above, and in Appendix A of this announcement. These requirements also apply to applications submitted electronically, with the following exceptions only for Project Narratives submitted electronically in Microsoft Word. These requirements help to ensure the accurate transmission and equitable treatment of applications.

- Text legibility: Use a font of Times New Roman 12, line spacing of single space, and all margins (left, right, top, bottom) of one inch each. Adhering to these standards will help to ensure the accurate transmission of your document. If the type size in the Project Narrative of an electronic submission exceeds 15 characters per inch, or the text exceeds 6 lines per vertical inch, SAMHSA will reformat the document to Times New Roman 12, with line spacing of single space. Please note that this may alter the formatting of your document, especially for charts, tables, graphs, and footnotes.
- Amount of space allowed for Project Narrative: The Project Narrative for an electronic submission may not 15,450 words. If the Project Narrative for an electronic submission exceeds the word limit and exceeds the allowed space as defined in Appendix A, then any part of the Project Narrative in excess of these limits will not be submitted to review. To determine the number of words in your Project Narrative document in Microsoft Word, select file/properties/statistics.

While keeping the Project Narrative as a separate document, please consolidate all other materials in your application to ensure the fewest possible number of attachments. Ensure all pages in your application are numbered consecutively, with the exception of the standard forms in the PHS-5161 application package. Please name and number your attachments, indicating the order in which they should be assembled. Failure to comply with these requirements may affect the successful transmission and consideration of your application.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit their applications to Grants.gov early enough to resolve any unanticipated difficulties prior to the deadline. You may also submit a back-up paper submission of your application. Any such paper submission must be received in accordance with the requirements for timely submission detailed in Section IV-3 of this announcement. The paper submission must be clearly marked: "Back-up for electronic submission." The paper submission must conform with all requirements for non-electronic submissions. If both electronic and back-up paper submissions are received by the deadline, the electronic version will be considered the official submission.

After you electronically submit your application, you will receive an automatic acknowledgement from Grants.gov that contains a Grants.gov tracking number. It is important that you retain this number. **Include the Grants.gov tracking number in the top right corner of the face page for any paper submission.**

The Grants.gov Web site does not accept electronic signatures at this time. Therefore, you must submit a signed paper original of the face page (SF 424), the assurances (SF 424B), and the certifications, and hard copy of any other required documentation that cannot be submitted electronically. You must include the Grants.gov tracking number for your application on these documents with original signatures, on the top right corner of the face page, and send the documents to the following address. The documents must be received at the following address within 5 business days after your electronic submission. Delays in receipt of these documents may impact the score your application receives or the ability of your application to be funded.

For United States Postal Service:

Crystal Saunders, Director of Grant Review
Office of Program Services
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
Room 3-1044
1 Choke Cherry Road
Rockville, MD 20857

ATTN: Electronic Applications

For other delivery service (DHL, Federal Express, United Parcel Service):

Crystal Saunders, Director of Grant Review Office of Program Services Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Room 3-1044 1 Choke Cherry Road Rockville, MD **20850**

ATTN: Electronic Applications

If you require a phone number for delivery, you may use (240) 276-1199.

3. SUBMISSION DATES AND TIMES

Applications are due by close of business on May 1, 2006. Hand carried applications will not be accepted. Applications may be shipped using only DHL, Federal Express (FedEx), United Parcel Service (UPS), or the United States Postal Service (USPS).

Your application must be received by the application deadline, or you must have proof of its timely submission as specified below.

- For packages submitted via DHL, Federal Express (FedEx), or United Parcel Service (UPS), proof of timely submission shall be the date on the tracking label affixed to the package by the carrier upon receipt by the carrier. That date must be at least 24 hours prior to the application deadline. The date affixed to the package by the applicant will not be sufficient evidence of timely submission.
- For packages submitted via the United States Postal Service (USPS), proof of timely submission shall be a postmark not later than 1 week prior to the application deadline, and the following upon request by SAMHSA:
 - o proof of mailing using USPS Form 3817 (Certificate of Mailing), or
 - o a receipt from the Post Office containing the post office name, location, and date and time of mailing.

You will be notified by postal mail that your application has been received.

Applications not meeting the timely submission requirements above will not be considered for review. Please remember that mail sent to Federal facilities undergoes a security screening prior to delivery. Allow sufficient time for your package to be delivered.

If an application is mailed to a location or office (including room number) that is not designated for receipt of the application, and that results in the designated office not receiving your application in accordance with the requirements for timely submission, it will cause the application to be considered late and ineligible for review.

SAMHSA will not accept or consider any applications sent by facsimile.

SAMHSA is collaborating with <u>www.Grants.gov</u> to accept electronic submission of applications. Please refer to Section IV-2.3 above for "Guidance for Electronic Submission of Applications."

4. INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW (E.O. 12372) REQUIREMENTS

Executive Order 12372, as implemented through Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) regulation at 45 CFR Part 100, sets up a system for State and local review of applications for Federal financial assistance. A current listing of State Single Points of Contact (SPOCs) is included in the application kit and can be downloaded from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) web site at www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants/spoc.html.

- Check the list to determine whether your State participates in this program. You **do not** need to do this if you are a federally recognized tribe.
- If your State participates, contact your SPOC as early as possible to alert him/her to the prospective application(s) and to receive any necessary instructions on the State's review process.
- For proposed projects serving more than one State, you are advised to contact the SPOC of each affiliated State.
- The SPOC should send any State review process recommendations to the following address within 60 days of the application deadline:

For United States Postal Service:

Crystal Saunders, Director of Grant Review
Office of Program Services
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
Room 3-1044
1 Choke Cherry Road
Rockville, MD 20857
ATTN: SPOC – Funding Announcement No. SM-06-001

For other delivery service:

Crystal Saunders, Director of Grant Review
Office of Program Services
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
Room 3-1044
1 Choke Cherry Road
Rockville, MD 20850
ATTN: SPOC – Funding Announcement No. SM-06-001

In addition, community-based, non-governmental service providers who are not transmitting their applications through the State must submit a Public Health System Impact Statement (PHSIS) (approved by OMB under control no. 0920-0428; see burden statement below) to the head(s) of appropriate State or local health agencies in the area(s) to be affected no later than the pertinent receipt date for applications. The PHSIS is intended to keep State and local health officials informed of proposed health services grant applications submitted by community-based,

non-governmental organizations within their jurisdictions. <u>State and local governments and federally recognized tribal applicants are not subject to these requirements</u>.

The PHSIS consists of the following information:

- a copy of the face page of the application (SF 424); and
- a summary of the project, no longer than one page in length, that provides: 1) a description of the population to be served, 2) a summary of the services to be provided, and 3) a description of the coordination planned with appropriate State or local health agencies.

For SAMHSA grants, the appropriate State agencies are the Single State Agencies (SSAs) for substance abuse and mental health. A listing of the SSAs can be found on SAMHSA's web site at www.samhsa.gov. If the proposed project falls within the jurisdiction of more than one State, you should notify all representative SSAs.

Applicants who are not the SSA <u>must</u> include a copy of a letter transmitting the PHSIS to the SSA in **Appendix 4**, "**Letter to the SSA**." The letter must notify the State that, if it wishes to comment on the proposal, its comments should be sent not later than 60 days after the application deadline to:

For United States Postal Service:

Crystal Saunders, Director of Grant Review
Office of Program Services
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
Room 3-1044
1 Choke Cherry Road
Rockville, MD 20857
ATTN: SSA – Funding Announcement No. SM-06-001

For other delivery service:

Crystal Saunders, Director of Grant Review
Office of Program Services
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
Room 3-1044
1 Choke Cherry Road
Rockville, MD 20850
ATTN: SSA – Funding Announcement No. SM-06-001

In addition:

- Applicants may request that the SSA send them a copy of any State comments.
- The applicant must notify the SSA within 30 days of receipt of an award.

[Public reporting burden for the Public Health System Reporting Requirement is estimated to average 10 minutes per response, including the time for copying the face page of SF 424 and the abstract and preparing the letter for mailing. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control number for this project is 0920-0428. Send comments regarding this burden to CDC Clearance Officer, 1600 Clifton Road, MS D-24, Atlanta, GA 30333, ATTN: PRA (0920-0428).]

5. FUNDING LIMITATIONS/RESTRICTIONS

Cost principles describing allowable and unallowable expenditures for Federal grantees, including SAMHSA grantees, are provided in the following documents, which are available at http://www.hhs.gov/grantsnet/roadmap/index.html:

- Institutions of Higher Education: OMB Circular A-21
- State and Local Governments and Federally Recognized Indian Tribal Governments:
 OMB Circular A-87
- Nonprofit Organizations: OMB Circular A-122
- Hospitals: 45 CFR Part 74, Appendix E

In addition, SAMHSA's grant recipients must comply with the following funding restrictions:

- No more than 15% of the total grant award may be used for developing the infrastructure necessary for expansion of services.
- No more than 20% of the total grant award may be used for evaluation and data collection, including GPRA and incentives for completing the evaluation.

Mental Health HIV Services Collaborative II grant funds must be used for purposes supported by the program and may not be used to:

- Pay for any lease beyond the project period.
- Provide services to incarcerated populations (defined as those persons in jail, prison, detention facilities, or in custody where they are not free to move about in the community).
- Pay for the purchase or construction of any building or structure to house any part of the program. (Applicants may request up to \$75,000 for renovations and alterations of existing facilities, if necessary and appropriate to the project.)
- Provide residential or outpatient treatment services when the facility has not yet been acquired, sited, approved, and met all requirements for human habitation and services provision. (Expansion or enhancement of existing residential services is permissible.)

- Pay for incentives to induce individuals to enter treatment. However, a grantee or treatment provider may provide up to \$20 or equivalent (coupons, bus tokens, gifts, child care, and vouchers) to individuals as incentives to participate in required data collection follow-up. This amount may be paid for participation in each required interview.
- Implement syringe exchange programs, such as the purchase and distribution of syringes and/or needles.
- SAMHSA will not accept a "research" indirect cost rate. The grantee must use the "other sponsored program rate" or the lowest rate available.
- Pay for the provision of substance abuse treatment (including but not limited to detoxification and methadone maintenance), acupuncture, massage, or aerobic therapy.
- Pay for the provision of non-traditional therapies such as social/recreational or nutritional
 activities unless specifically indicated in the treatment plan for the individual
 client/patient and endorsed by the GPO.
- Pay for psychotropic medication for clients/patients without prior endorsement by the GPO unless specifically listed, justified, and approved in the yearly budget.
- Pay for housing to clients/patients without prior endorsement by the GPO, and must be temporary, respite housing not to exceed 30 days.
- Pay for primary care costs, including treatment of HIV/AIDS and other acute or chronic health conditions.
- Pay for HIV- test kits and collateral supplies.

6. OTHER SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

6.1 Where to Send Applications

Guidance for Electronic Submission of Applications is contained in Section IV-2.3 of this announcement. Following are instructions for submission of paper applications.

Send applications to the following address:

For United States Postal Service:

Crystal Saunders, Director of Grant Review
Office of Program Services
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
Room 3-1044
1 Choke Cherry Road
Rockville, MD 20857

For other delivery service:

Crystal Saunders, Director of Grant Review
Office of Program Services
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
Room 3-1044
1 Choke Cherry Road
Rockville, MD 20850

Do not send applications to other agency contacts, as this could delay receipt. Be sure to include Mental Health HIV Services Collaborative II and RFA No. **SM-06-001** in item number 10 on the face page of any paper applications. If you require a phone number for delivery, you may use (240) 276-1199.

6.2 How to Send Applications

SAMHSA is collaborating with <u>www.Grants.gov</u> to accept electronic submission of applications. Please refer to Section IV-2.3 of this announcement for "Guidance for Electronic Submission of Applications."

Following are instructions for submission of paper applications.

Mail or deliver an original application and 2 copies (including appendices) to the mailing address provided above, according to the instructions in Section IV-3. The original and copies must not be bound. Do not use staples, paper clips, or fasteners. Nothing should be attached, stapled, folded, or pasted.

Hand carried applications will not be accepted. Applications may be shipped using only DHL, Federal Express (FedEx), United Parcel Service (UPS), or the United States Postal Service (USPS).

SAMHSA will not accept or consider any applications sent by facsimile.

V. APPLICATION REVIEW INFORMATION

1. EVALUATION CRITERIA

Your application will be reviewed and scored according to the <u>quality</u> of your response to the requirements listed below for developing the Project Narrative (Sections A-E). These sections describe what you intend to do with your project.

- In developing the Project Narrative section of your application, use these instructions, which have been tailored to this program. These are to be used instead of the "Program Narrative" instructions found in the PHS 5161-1.
- The Project Narrative (Sections A-E) together may be no longer than 30 pages.

- You must use the five sections/headings listed below in developing your Project Narrative. Be sure to place the required information in the correct section, or it will not be considered. Your application will be scored according to how well you address the requirements for each section of the Project Narrative.
- Reviewers will be looking for evidence of cultural competence in each section of the Project Narrative. Points will be assigned based on how well you address the cultural competence aspects of the evaluation criteria. SAMHSA's guidelines for cultural competence can be found on the SAMHSA web site at www.samhsa.gov. Click on "Grants/SAMHSA's Supporting Grant Information/Useful Information for Applicants/Guidelines and Resources for Grant Applicants."
- The Supporting Documentation you provide in Sections F-I and Appendices 1-4 will be considered by reviewers in assessing your response, along with the material in the Project Narrative.
- The number of points after each heading is the maximum number of points a review committee may assign to that section of your Project Narrative. Bullet statements in each section do not have points assigned to them. They are provided to invite the attention of applicants and reviewers to important areas within the criterion.

Section A: Statement of Need (15 points)

- Describe the target population (see Glossary) as well as the geographic area to be served, and justify the selection of both. Include the numbers to be served and demographic information. Discuss the target population's language, beliefs, norms and values, as well as socioeconomic factors that must be considered in delivering programs to this population.
- Describe extent of the need for HIV-related mental health services for the target population in the community in which you plan to provide services. The extent of this need should be based on data. The statement of need should include a clearly established baseline for the project. Documentation of need may come from a variety of qualitative and quantitative sources. The quantitative data could come from local data or trend analyses, State data (e.g., from State Needs Assessments), and/or national data (e.g., from SAMHSA's National Household Survey on Drug Abuse and Health or from National Center for Health Statistics/Centers for Disease Control reports). For data sources that are not well known, provide sufficient information on how the data were collected so reviewers can assess the reliability and validity of the data.

Section B: Proposed Clinical Care Model (20 points)

Clearly state the purpose, goals and objectives of your proposed project. Describe how
achievement of the goals will produce meaningful and relevant results (e.g., increase
access, availability of HIV-related mental health services in the community).

- Describe the specific HIV-related mental health services you are going to provide and provide a narrative justification that summarizes the evidence of effectiveness and acceptability of the proposed services. The preferred evidence of effectiveness and acceptability will be findings published in the peer-reviewed literature. However, in areas where little or no research has been published in the peer-reviewed scientific literature, you may present evidence involving studies that have not been published in the peer-reviewed research literature and/or documents describing formal consensus among recognized experts.
- Justify the use of the proposed HIV-related mental health services for the target population.
- Describe how the proposed project will address issues of age, race, ethnicity, culture, language, sexual orientation, disability, literacy, and gender in the target population.
- Demonstrate how the proposed mental health services will meet your goals and objectives. Provide a logic model (see Glossary) that links need, the services to be implemented, and outcomes.

Section C: Proposed Implementation Approach (30 points)

- Describe how the proposed service or practice will be implemented.
- Provide a realistic time line for the project (chart or graph) showing key activities, milestones, and responsible staff. [Note: The time line should be part of the Project Narrative. It should not be placed in an appendix.]
- Clearly state the unduplicated number of individuals you propose to serve (annually and over the entire project period) with grant funds, including the types and numbers of services to be provided and anticipated outcomes. Describe how the target population will be identified, recruited, and retained.
- Describe how members of the target population helped prepare the application and how they will help plan, implement, and evaluate the project. Identify how you have/will institute and retain a Consumer Advisory Board representative of the target community, including such factors as race/ethnicity, gender, age and positive HIV/AIDS status, and experience in mental health and/or substance abuse treatment.
- Describe how the project components will be embedded within the existing service delivery system, including other SAMHSA-funded projects, if applicable. Identify any other organizations that will participate in the proposed project. Describe their roles and responsibilities and demonstrate their commitment to the project. Include letters of commitment from community organizations supporting the project in Appendix 1.
- Show that the necessary groundwork (e.g., planning, consensus development, development of memoranda of agreement, identification of potential facilities) has been

- completed or is near completion so that the project can be implemented and service delivery can begin as soon as possible and no later than 4 months after grant award.
- Describe the potential barriers to successful conduct of the proposed project and how you will overcome them.
- Describe your plan to ensure project sustainability when funding for this project ends. Also describe how program continuity will be maintained when there is a change in the operational environment (e.g., staff turnover, change in project leadership) to ensure stability over time.

Section D: Staff and Organizational Experience (25 points)

- Discuss the capability and experience of the applicant organization and other participating organizations with similar projects and populations. Demonstrate that the applicant organization and other participating organizations have linkages to the target population and ties to grassroots/community-based organizations that are rooted in the culture of the target population, in particular to individuals in the community who are HIV-positive.
- Provide a list of staff who will participate in the project, showing the role of each and their level of effort and qualifications. Include the Project Director, Clinical Director, Evaluator, and other key personnel, such as clinical services personnel. Provide evidence that the project's Clinical Director and at least one other clinical staff person are licensed mental health providers.
- Describe the cultural characteristics of key staff and indicate if any are members of the target population/community. If the target population is multi-linguistic, indicate if the staffing pattern includes bilingual and bicultural individuals.
- Describe the resources available for the proposed project (e.g., facilities, equipment), and provide evidence that services will be provided in a location that is adequate, accessible, compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and amenable to the target population.

Section E: Evaluation and Data (10 points)

- Document your ability to collect and report on the required performance measures as specified in Section I-2.4 of this RFA. Specify and justify any additional measures you plan to use for your grant project.
- Describe plans for data collection, management, analysis, interpretation and reporting. Describe the existing approach to the collection of data, along with any necessary modifications. Be sure to include data collection instruments/interview protocols in **Appendix 2**.

- Discuss the reliability and validity of evaluation methods and instrument(s) in terms of the gender/age/culture of the target population.
- Describe the process and outcome evaluation, including assessments of implementation and individual outcomes. Show how the evaluation will be integrated with requirements for collection and reporting of performance data, including data required by SAMHSA to meet GPRA requirements.
- Describe how the evaluation will be used to ensure fidelity to the practice.
- Provide a per-person or unit cost of the project to be implemented, based on the applicant's actual costs and projected costs over the life of the project.

NOTE: Although the budget for the proposed project is not a review criterion, the Review Group will be asked to comment on the appropriateness of the budget after the merits of the application have been considered.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Section F: Literature Citations. This section must contain complete citations, including titles and all authors, for any literature you cite in your application.

Section G: Budget Justification, Existing Resources, Other Support. You must provide a narrative justification of the items included in your proposed budget, as well as a description of existing resources and other support you expect to receive for the proposed project. Be sure to show that no more than 15% of the total grant award will be used for infrastructure development and that no more than 20% of the total grant award will be used for data collection and evaluation, including GPRA. An illustration of a budget and narrative justification is included in Appendix H of this document.

Section H: Biographical Sketches and Job Descriptions.

- Include a biographical sketch for the Project Director, Clinical Director, Evaluator, and other key positions. Each sketch should be 2 pages or less. If the person has not been hired, include a position description and/or a letter of commitment with a current biographical sketch from the individual.
- Include job descriptions for key personnel. Job descriptions should be no longer than 1 page each.
- Sample sketches and job descriptions are available at www.samhsa.gov, on page 22, Item 6, in the Program Narrative section of the PHS 5161-1 instruction page.

Section I: Confidentiality and SAMHSA Participant Protection/Human Subjects: Applicants must describe procedures relating to Confidentiality, Participant Protection and the Protection of Human Subjects Regulations in Section I of the application, using the guidelines provided below.

Confidentiality and Participant Protection:

Because of the confidential nature of the work in which many SAMHSA grantees are involved, it is important to have safeguards protecting individuals from risks associated with their participation in SAMHSA projects. All applicants must address the seven bullets below. If some are not applicable or relevant to the proposed project, simply state that they are not applicable and indicate why. In addition to addressing these seven bullets, read the section that follows entitled Protection of Human Subjects Regulations to determine if the regulations may apply to your project. If so, you are required to describe the process you will follow for obtaining IRB approval. While we encourage you to keep your responses brief, there are no page limits for this section and no points will be assigned by the Review Committee. Problems with confidentiality, participant protection, and protection of human subjects identified during peer review of the application may result in the delay of funding.

1. Protect Clients and Staff from Potential Risks

- Identify and describe any foreseeable physical, medical, psychological, social, and legal risks or potential adverse effects as a result of the project itself or any data collection activity.
- Describe the procedures you will follow to minimize or protect participants against potential risks, including risks to confidentiality.
- Identify plans to provide guidance and assistance in the event there are adverse effects to participants.
- Where appropriate, describe alternative treatments and procedures that may be beneficial to the participants. If you choose not to use these other beneficial treatments, provide the reasons for not using them.

2. Fair Selection of Participants

- Describe the target population(s) for the proposed project. Include age, gender, and racial/ethnic background and note if the population includes homeless youth, foster children, children of substance abusers, pregnant women, or other targeted groups.
- Explain the reasons for including groups of pregnant women, children, people with mental disabilities, people in institutions, prisoners, and individuals who are likely to be particularly vulnerable to HIV/AIDS.
- Explain the reasons for including or excluding participants.
- Explain how you will recruit and select participants. Identify who will select participants.

3. Absence of Coercion

- Explain if participation in the project is voluntary or required. Identify possible reasons
 why participation is required, for example, court orders requiring people to participate in
 a program.
- If you plan to compensate participants, state how participants will be awarded incentives (e.g., money, gifts, etc.).
- State how volunteer participants will be told that they may receive services intervention
 even if they do not participate in or complete the data collection component of the
 project.

4. Data Collection

- Identify from whom you will collect data (e.g., from participants themselves, family members, teachers, others). Describe the data collection procedures and specify the sources for obtaining data (e.g., school records, interviews, psychological assessments, questionnaires, observation, or other sources). Where data are to be collected through observational techniques, questionnaires, interviews, or other direct means, describe the data collection setting.
- Identify what type of specimens (e.g., urine, blood) will be used, if any. State if the material will be used just for evaluation or if other use(s) will be made. Also, if needed, describe how the material will be monitored to ensure the safety of participants.
- Provide in **Appendix 2, "Data Collection Instruments/Interview Protocols,"** copies of <u>all</u> available data collection instruments and interview protocols that you plan to use.

5. Privacy and Confidentiality

 Explain how you will ensure privacy and confidentiality. Include who will collect data and how it will be collected.

Describe:

- How you will use data collection instruments.
- Where data will be stored.
- Who will or will not have access to information.
- How the identity of participants will be kept private, for example, through the use of a coding system on data records, limiting access to records, or storing identifiers separately from data.

NOTE: If applicable, grantees must agree to maintain the confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse client records according to the provisions of **Title 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations**, **Part II.**

6. Adequate Consent Procedures

• List what information will be given to people who participate in the project. Include the type and purpose of their participation. Identify the data that will be collected, how the data will be used and how you will keep the data private.

State:

- Whether or not their participation is voluntary.
- Their right to leave the project at any time without problems.
- Possible risks from participation in the project.
- Plans to protect clients from these risks.
- Explain how you will get consent for youth, the elderly, people with limited reading skills, and people who do not use English as their first language.

NOTE: If the project poses potential physical, medical, psychological, legal, social or other risks, you **must** obtain <u>written</u> informed consent.

- Indicate if you will obtain informed consent from participants or assent from minors along with consent from their parents or legal guardians. Describe how the consent will be documented. For example: Will you read the consent forms? Will you ask prospective participants questions to be sure they understand the forms? Will you give them copies of what they sign?
- Include, as appropriate, sample consent forms that provide for: (1) informed consent for participation in service intervention; (2) informed consent for participation in the data collection component of the project; and (3) informed consent for the exchange (releasing or requesting) of confidential information. The sample forms must be included in Appendix 3, "Sample Consent Forms", of your application. If needed, give English translations.

NOTE: Never imply that the participant waives or appears to waive any legal rights, may not end involvement with the project, or releases your project or its agents from liability for negligence.

- Describe if separate consents will be obtained for different stages or parts of the project. For example, will they be needed for both participant protection in treatment intervention and for the collection and use of data?
- Additionally, if other consents (e.g., consents to release information to others or gather information from others) will be used in your project, provide a description of the consents. Will individuals who do not consent to having individually identifiable data collected for evaluation purposes be allowed to participate in the project?

7. Risk/Benefit Discussion

Discuss why the risks are reasonable compared to expected benefits and importance of the knowledge from the project.

Protection of Human Subjects Regulations

Applicants may also have to comply with the Protection of Human Subjects Regulations (45 CFR 46), depending on the evaluation and data collection procedures proposed and the population to be served.

Applicants must be aware that even if the Protection of Human Subjects Regulations do not apply to all projects funded, the specific evaluation design proposed by the applicant may require compliance with these regulations.

Applicants whose projects must comply with the Protection of Human Subjects Regulations must describe the process for obtaining Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval fully in their applications. While IRB approval is not required at the time of grant award, these applicants will be required, as a condition of award, to provide the documentation that an Assurance of Compliance is on file with the Office for Human Research Protections (OHRP) and that IRB approval has been received prior to enrolling any clients in the proposed project.

General information about Protection of Human Subjects Regulations can be obtained on the web at http://www.hhs.gov/ohrp. You may also contact OHRP by e-mail (ohrp@osophs.dhhs.gov) or by phone (240/453-6900). SAMHSA-specific questions related to Protection of Human Subjects Regulations should be directed to the program contact listed in Section VII of this RFA.

2. REVIEW AND SELECTION PROCESS

SAMHSA applications are peer-reviewed according to the review criteria listed above. For those programs where the individual award is over \$100,000, applications must also be reviewed by the appropriate National Advisory Council.

Decisions to fund a grant are based on:

- the strengths and weaknesses of the application as identified by peer reviewers and, when applicable, approved by the Center for Mental Health Services' National Advisory Council:
- availability of funds; and
- equitable distribution of awards in terms of geography (including urban, rural and remote settings) and balance among target populations and program size.

VI. AWARD ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION

1. AWARD NOTICES

After your application has been reviewed, you will receive a letter from SAMHSA through postal mail that describes the general results of the review, including the score that your application received.

If you are approved for funding, you will receive an **additional** notice, the Notice of Grant Award, signed by SAMHSA's Grants Management Officer. The Notice of Grant Award is the sole obligating document that allows the grantee to receive Federal funding for work on the grant project. It is sent by postal mail and is addressed to the contact person listed on the face page of the application.

If you are not funded, you can re-apply if there is another receipt date for the program.

2. ADMINISTRATIVE AND NATIONAL POLICY REQUIREMENTS

- Successful applicants must comply with all terms and conditions of the grant award.
 SAMHSA's standard terms and conditions are available on the SAMHSA web site at www.samhsa.gov/grants/generalinfo/grants_management.aspx.
- Successful applicants must also comply with the administrative requirements outlined in 45 CFR Part 74 or 45 CFR Part 92, as appropriate. For more information see the SAMHSA web site (http://www.samhsa.gov/Grants/generalinfo/grant_reqs.aspx).
- Depending on the nature of the specific funding opportunity and/or the proposed project as identified during review, additional terms and conditions may be negotiated with the grantee prior to grant award. These may include, for example:
 - o actions required to be in compliance with confidentiality and participant protection/human subjects requirements;
 - o requirements relating to additional data collection and reporting;
 - o requirements relating to participation in a cross-site evaluation; or
 - o requirements to address problems identified in review of the application.
- Successful applicants will be held accountable for the information provided in the application relating to performance targets. SAMHSA program officials will consider your progress in meeting goals and objectives, as well as your failures and strategies for overcoming them, when making an annual recommendation to continue the grant and the amount of any continuation award. Failure to meet stated goals and objectives may result in suspension or termination of the grant award, or in reduction or withholding of continuation awards.

- Grant funds cannot be used to supplant current funding of existing activities. "Supplant" is defined as replacing funding of a recipient's existing program with funds from a Federal grant.
- In an effort to improve access to funding opportunities for applicants, SAMHSA is participating in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services "Survey on Ensuring Equal Opportunity for Applicants." This survey is included in the application kit for SAMHSA grants and is posted on the SAMHSA web site. Applicants are encouraged to complete the survey and return it, using the instructions provided on the survey form.

3. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

3.1 Progress and Financial Reports

- Grant performance will require the submission of annual and final progress reports, as well as annual and final financial status reports, and quarterly data reports.
- Because SAMHSA is extremely interested in ensuring that treatment and prevention services can be sustained, your progress reports should explain plans to ensure the sustainability (see Glossary) of efforts initiated under this grant.
- SAMHSA will provide guidelines and requirements for these reports to grantees at the time of award and at the initial grantee orientation meeting after award. SAMHSA staff will use the information contained in the reports to determine the grantee's progress toward meeting its goals.

3.2 Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA)

The Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) mandates accountability and performance-based management by Federal agencies. To meet the GPRA requirements, SAMHSA must collect performance data (i.e., "GPRA data") from grantees. The performance requirements for SAMHSA's Mental Health HIV Services Collaborative II grant program are described in Section I-2.4 of this document under "Data and Performance Measurement."

To meet these requirements, SAMHSA must collect performance data (i.e., "GPRA data") from grantees. Grantees are required to report these performance data to SAMHSA on a timely basis so that results are available to support budgetary decisions.

CMHS is currently in the initial planning stages of implementing a web-based GPRA data collection and reporting system. Grantees may be asked in the future to submit their GPRA data electronically using this web-based system. All applicants must agree to comply with the web-based submission of performance data in their application. In addition, this requirement will be included as a term and condition on any grant award. When development of the system is complete, Grantees will be provided initial training and ongoing technical assistance in order to ensure a smooth transition to the electronic system and continued user support.

3.3 Publications

If you are funded under this grant program, you are required to notify the Government Project Officer (GPO) and SAMHSA's Publications Clearance Officer (240-276-2130) of any materials based on the SAMHSA-funded grant project that are accepted for publication.

In addition, SAMHSA requests that grantees:

- Provide the GPO and SAMHSA Publications Clearance Officer with advance copies of publications.
- Include acknowledgment of the SAMHSA grant program as the source of funding for the project.
- Include a disclaimer stating that the views and opinions contained in the publication do not necessarily reflect those of SAMHSA or the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and should not be construed as such.

SAMHSA reserves the right to issue a press release about any publication deemed by SAMHSA to contain information of program or policy significance to the substance abuse treatment/substance abuse prevention/mental health services community.

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Appendix A – Checklist for Formatting Requirements and Screenout Criteria for SAMHSA Grant Applications

SAMHSA's goal is to review all applications submitted for grant funding. However, this goal must be balanced against SAMHSA's obligation to ensure equitable treatment of applications. For this reason, SAMHSA has established certain formatting requirements for its applications. If you do not adhere to these requirements, your application will be screened out and returned to you without review.

Use the PHS 5161-1 application.
Applications must be received by the application deadline or have proof of timely submission, as detailed in Section IV-3 of the grant announcement.
Information provided must be sufficient for review.
 Text must be legible. (For Project Narratives submitted electronically in Microsoft Word, see separate requirements in Section IV-2.3 of this announcement under "Guidance for Electronic Submission of Applications.") Type size in the Project Narrative cannot exceed an average of 15 characters per inch, as measured on the physical page. (Type size in charts, tables, graphs, and footnotes will not be considered in determining compliance.) Text in the Project Narrative cannot exceed 6 lines per vertical inch.
Paper must be white paper and 8.5 inches by 11.0 inches in size.
 To ensure equity among applications, the amount of space allowed for the Project Narrative cannot be exceeded. (For Project Narratives submitted electronically in Microsoft Word, see separate requirements in Section IV-2.3 of this announcement under "Guidance for Electronic Submission of Applications.") Applications would meet this requirement by using all margins (left, right, top, bottom) of at least one inch each, and adhering to the page limit for the Project Narrative stated in the specific funding announcement. Should an application not conform to these margin or page limits, SAMHSA will use the following method to determine compliance: The total area of the Project Narrative (excluding margins, but including charts, tables, graphs and footnotes) cannot exceed 58.5 square inches multiplied by the page limit. This number

Narrative (excluding margins) is considered part of the Project Narrative, in determining compliance.

• Space will be measured on the physical page. Space left blank within the Project

represents the full page less margins, multiplied by the total number of allowed pages.

To facilitate review of your application, follow these additional guidelines. Failure to adhere to the following guidelines will not, in itself, result in your application being screened out and returned without review. However, the information provided in your application must be

 ficient for review. Following these guidelines will help ensure your application is complete, I will help reviewers to consider your application.
The 10 application components required for SAMHSA applications should be included. These are:
\$ Face Page (Standard Form 424, which is in PHS 5161-1) \$ Abstract \$ Table of Contents \$ Budget Form (Standard Form 424A, which is in PHS 5161-1) \$ Project Narrative and Supporting Documentation
 Table of Contents Budget Form (Standard Form 424A, which is in PHS 5161-1) Project Narrative and Supporting Documentation Appendices Assurances (Standard Form 424B, which is in PHS 5161-1) Certifications (a form within PHS 5161-1) Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (Standard Form LLL, which is in PHS 5161-1) Checklist (a form in PHS 5161-1)
Applications should comply with the following requirements:
 Provisions relating to confidentiality and participant protection specified in Section V-1 of this announcement. Budgetary limitations as specified in Sections I, II, and IV-5 of this announcement. Documentation of nonprofit status as required in the PHS 5161-1.
Pages should be typed single-spaced in black ink, with one column per page. Pages should not have printing on both sides.
Please number pages consecutively from beginning to end so that information can be located easily during review of the application. The cover page should be page 1, the abstract page should be page 2, and the table of contents page should be page 3. Appendices should be labeled and separated from the Project Narrative and budget section, and the pages should be numbered to continue the sequence.
The page limits for Appendices stated in the specific funding announcement should not be exceeded.
Send the original application and two copies to the mailing address in Section IV-6.1 of this document. Please do not use staples, paper clips, and fasteners. Nothing should be attached, stapled, folded, or pasted. Do not use heavy or lightweight paper or any material that cannot be copied using automatic copying machines. Odd-sized and oversized attachments such as posters will not be copied or sent to reviewers. Do not include videotapes, audiotapes, or CD-ROMs.

Appendix B – Glossary

Best Practice: Best practices are practices that incorporate the best objective information currently available regarding effectiveness and acceptability.

<u>Catchment Area:</u> A catchment area is the geographic area from which the target population to be served by a program will be drawn.

<u>Cooperative Agreement:</u> A cooperative agreement is a form of Federal grant. Cooperative agreements are distinguished from other grants in that, under a cooperative agreement, substantial involvement is anticipated between the awarding office and the recipient during performance of the funded activity. This involvement may include collaboration, participation, or intervention in the activity. HHS awarding offices use grants or cooperative agreements (rather than contracts) when the principal purpose of the transaction is the transfer of money, property, services, or anything of value to accomplish a public purpose of support or stimulation authorized by Federal statute. The primary beneficiary under a grant or cooperative agreement is the public, as opposed to the Federal Government.

<u>Fidelity:</u> Fidelity is the degree to which a specific implementation of a program or practice resembles, adheres to, or is faithful to the evidence-based model on which it is based. Fidelity is formally assessed using rating scales of the major elements of the evidence-based model. A toolkit on how to develop and use fidelity instruments is available from the SAMHSA-funded Evaluation Technical Assistance Center at http://tecathsri.org or by calling (617) 876-0426.

Grant: A grant is the funding mechanism used by the Federal Government when the principal purpose of the transaction is the transfer of money, property, services, or anything of value to accomplish a public purpose of support or stimulation authorized by Federal statute. The primary beneficiary under a grant or cooperative agreement is the public, as opposed to the Federal Government.

Logic Model: A logic model is a diagrammatic representation of a theoretical framework. A logic model describes the logical linkages among program resources, conditions, strategies, short-term outcomes, and long-term impact. More information on how to develop logics models and examples can be found through the resources listed in Appendix F.

Practice: A practice is any activity, or collective set of activities, intended to improve outcomes for people with or at risk for substance abuse and/or mental illness. Such activities may include direct service provision, or they may be supportive activities, such as efforts to improve access to and retention in services, organizational efficiency or effectiveness, community readiness, collaboration among stakeholder groups, education, awareness, training, or any other activity that is designed to improve outcomes for people with or at risk for substance abuse or mental illness.

<u>Practice Support System</u>: This term refers to contextual factors that affect practice delivery and effectiveness in the pre-adoption phase, delivery phase, and post-delivery phase, such as: a) community collaboration and consensus building; b) training and overall readiness of those

implementing the practice; and c) sufficient ongoing supervision for those implementing the practice.

<u>Stakeholder:</u> A stakeholder is an individual, organization, constituent group, or other entity that has an interest in and will be affected by a proposed grant project.

Sustainability: Sustainability is the ability to continue a program or practice after SAMHSA grant funding has ended.

<u>Target Population</u>: The target population is the specific population of people whom a particular program or practice is designed to serve or reach.

<u>Wraparound Service</u>: Wraparound services are non-clinical supportive services—such as child care, vocational, educational, and transportation services—that are designed to improve the individual's access to and retention in the proposed project.

Appendix C - Statement of Assurance

As the authorized representative of the applicant organization, I assure SAMHSA that if [insert name of organization] application is within the funding range for a grant award, the organization will provide the SAMHSA Government Project Officer (GPO) with the following documents. I understand that if this documentation is not received by the GPO within the specified timeframe, the application will be removed from consideration for an award and the funds will be provided to another applicant meeting these requirements.

- a letter of commitment that specifies the nature of the participation and what service(s) will be provided from every service provider organization listed in Appendix 1 of the application, that has agreed to participate in the project;
- official documentation that all service provider organizations participating in the project have been providing relevant services for a minimum of 2 years prior to the date of the application in the area(s) in which services are to be provided. Official documents must definitively establish that the organization has provided relevant services for the last 2 years; and
- official documentation that all participating service provider organizations are in compliance with all local (city, county) and State/tribal requirements for licensing, accreditation, and certification or official documentation from the appropriate agency of the applicable State/tribal, county, or other governmental unit that licensing, accreditation, and certification requirements do not exist. (Official documentation is a copy of each service provider organization's license, accreditation, and certification. Documentation of accreditation will not be accepted in lieu of an organization's license. A statement by, or letter from, the applicant organization or from a provider organization attesting to compliance with licensing, accreditation and certification or that no licensing, accreditation, certification requirements exist does not constitute adequate documentation.)

Signature of Authorized Penresentative	Dota	
Signature of Authorized Representative	Date	

Appendix D – Logic Model Resources

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Appendix E– Sample Budget and Justification

ILLUSTRATION OF A SAMPLE DETAILED BUDGET AND NARRATIVE JUSTIFICATION TO ACCOMPANY SF 424A: SECTION B FOR 01 BUDGET PERIOD

OBJECT CLASS CATEGORIES

Personnel

Job Title	Name	Annual Salary	Level of Effort	Salary being Requested
Project				
Director	J. Doe	\$30,000	1.0	\$30,000
Secretary	Unnamed	\$18,000	0.5	\$ 9,000
Counselor	R. Down	\$25,000	1.0	\$25,000

Enter Personnel subtotal on 424A, Section B, 6.a. \$64,000

Fringe Benefits (24%) \$15,360

Enter Fringe Benefits subtotal on 424A, Section B, 6.b. \$15,360

Travel

2 trips for SAMHSA Meetings for 2 Attendees (Airfare @ \$600 x 4 = \$2,400) + (per diem @ \$120 x 4 x 6 days = \$2,880) Local Travel (500 miles x .24 per mile)

\$5,280

120

[Note: Current Federal Government per diem rates are available at www.gsa.gov.]

Enter Travel subtotal on 424A, Section B, 6.c.

\$ 5,400

Equipment (List Individually)

"Equipment" means an article of nonexpendable, tangible personal property having a useful life of more than one year and an acquisition cost which equals the lesser of (a) the capitalization level established by the governmental unit or nongovernmental applicant for financial statement purposes, or (b) \$5000.

Enter Equipment subtotal on 424A, Section B, 6.d.

Supplies

Office Supplies	\$500
Computer Software - 1 WordPerfect	500

Enter Supplies subtotal on 424A, Section B, 6.e.

\$1,000

ILLUSTRATION OF DETAILED BUDGET AND NARRATIVE JUSTIFICATION (cont'd.)

Contractual Costs

Evaluation Job Title	Name	Annual Salary	Salary being Requested	Level Effort	of
Evaluator Other Staff	J. Wilson	\$48,000 \$18,000	\$24,000 \$18,000	0.5 1.0	
Fringe Benefit	s (25%)	\$10,500			
Travel 2 trips x 1 Ev (\$600 x 2) per diem @ \$ Supplies (Ge	\$120 x 6			\$ 1,200 720 500	
Evaluation Dir Evaluation Ind	ect irect Costs (19%	5)			\$54,920 \$10,435
Evaluation Sul	btotal				\$65,355
Training Job Title	Name	Level of Effort	Salary being Requested		
	M. Smith N. Jones s (25%)	0.5 0.5	\$ 12,000 \$ 9,000 \$ 5,250		
			\$ 1,200 480 120		
Supplies Office Supp Software (W	lies VordPerfect)		\$ 500 500		
Telephone	e (e.g., van)		\$ 4,975 500 \$ 2,500 \$ 3,000		
Training Dire					\$ 40,025 \$ -0-

Enter Contractual subtotal on 424A, Section B, 6.f.

\$105,380

ILLUSTRATION OF DETAILED BUDGET AND NARRATIVE JUSTIFICATION (cont'd.)

Other

Consultants = Expert @ \$250/day X 6 day \$1,500 (If expert is known, should list by name)

Enter Other subtotal on 424A, Section B, 6.h. \$ 1,500

Total Direct Charges (sum of 6.a-6.h)
Enter Total Direct on 424A, Section B, 6.i.

\$192,640

Indirect Costs

15% of Salary and Wages (copy of negotiated indirect cost rate agreement attached)

Enter Indirect subtotal of 424A, Section B, 6.j. \$ 9,600

TOTALS

Enter TOTAL on 424A, Section B, 6.k. \$202,240

JUSTIFICATION

PERSONNEL - Describe the role and responsibilities of each position.

FRINGE BENEFITS - List all components of the fringe benefit rate.

EQUIPMENT - List equipment and describe the need and the purpose of the equipment in relation to the proposed project.

SUPPLIES - Generally self-explanatory; however, if not, describe need. Include explanation of how the cost has been estimated.

TRAVEL - Explain need for all travel other than that required by SAMHSA.

CONTRACTUAL COSTS - Explain the need for each contractual arrangement and how these components relate to the overall project.

OTHER - Generally self-explanatory. If consultants are included in this category, explain the need and how the consultant's rate has been determined.

INDIRECT COST RATE - If your organization has no indirect cost rate, please indicate whether your organization plans to a) waive indirect costs if an award is issued, or b) negotiate and establish an indirect cost rate with DHHS within 90 days of award issuance.

CALCULATION OF FUTURE BUDGET PERIODS

(based on first 12-month budget period)

Review and verify the accuracy of future year budget estimates. Increases or decreases in the future years must be explained and justified and no cost of living increases will be honored. (NOTE: new salary cap of \$183,500 is effective for all FY 2006 awards.) *

	First	Second	Third
	12-month	12-month	12-month
	Period	Period	Period
Personnel			
Project Director	30,000	30,000	30,000
Secretary**	9,000	18,000	18,000
Counselor	25,000	25,000	25,000
TOTAL PERSONNEL	64,000	73,000	73,000

^{*}Consistent with the requirement in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, Public Law 108-447.

^{**}Increased from 50% to 100% effort in 02 through 03 budget periods.

Fringe Benefits (24%)	15,360	17,520	17,520
Travel	5,400	5,400	5,400
Equipment	-0-	-0-	-0-
Supplies***	1,000	520	520

^{***}Increased amount in 01 year represents costs for software.

Contractual			
Evaluation****	65,355	67,969	70,688
Training	40,025	40,025	40,025

^{****}Increased amounts in 02 and 03 years are reflected of the increase in client data collection.

Other	1,500	1,500	1,500
Total Direct Costs	192,640	205,934	208,653
Indirect Costs (15% S&W)	9,600	9,600	9,600
TOTAL COSTS	202,240	216,884	219,603

The Federal dollars requested for all object class categories for the first 12-month budget period are entered on Form 424A, Section B, Column (1), lines 6a-6i. The <u>total Federal dollars</u> requested for the second through the fifth 12-month budget periods are entered on Form 424A, Section E, Columns (b) – (e), line 20. The RFA will specify the maximum number of years of support that may be requested.